

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

May 18, 19, 2015

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

Business Meeting, Monday, May 18, 2015, 8:30 a.m., 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, 5th Floor.

George Lovecchio, Senior Inspector/Interim Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors, Personal Appearance, May 18, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Valerie Louise Viosca, Acupuncturist, Personal Appearance, Monday, May 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

Personal Appearances, Monday, May 18, 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

1. MINUTES/PRIOR MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

Approval of minutes of last meeting.

Status report on action items of prior Board meetings.

Report on assignments to counsel.

2. RULINGS AND ADVISORY OPINIONS

Usage of BioD's Restore Elemental Tissue Matrix.

Treatment of Facial Peels and Dermaplaning.

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors.

Craig Castleman Greene, M.D.

Jeremy A. Comeaux, M.D.

4. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS¹

Financial Report.

President's Report.

Executive Director's Report.

Prescription Monitoring Program Quarterly Report.

5. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Final Rules/Amendments: None published since the last meeting of the Board.

Rules/Amendments: Noted for Intent: **Physicians and Surgeons –**

Unprofessional Conduct: During its April 2013 meeting, the Board expressed a desire to consider the development of rules correlating a physician representing himself or herself as a specialist in a particular field of practice without appropriate formal training in that field. The draft also included a prohibition against a physician prescribing of controlled substances to one's self or immediate family members in the absence of an emergency. A draft was submitted for the Board's review at its August and September 2013 meetings. At its October 2013 meeting, the Board determined to defer that part of the proposed rule dealing with self-prescribing and to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments on unprofessional conduct in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, additional information was sought. Staff presented additional information concerning self/immediate family-prescribing of controlled substances at its June 2014 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered the written comments in response to the *Notice of Intent*. Following review and discussion, the Board rejected some comments and decided to accept and address others by technical and substantive amendments. At its February 2015 meeting, the Board discussed the current status of the rule project. The Potpourri hearing scheduled for March 26, 2015 was postponed.

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to discuss additional changes. At its March and April meetings, the Board discussed potential ways to further address concerns over the proposed amendment to Section 7603A.9., regarding a physician representing himself or herself as a *specialist*. Following discussion, the Board elected to defer this aspect of the amendments and to rely on the prohibition contained in the Medical Practice Act on false advertising as a basis to deal with future complaints along these lines. It also decided to proceed only with that part of the amendments addressing self-prescribing. A Potpourri Notice will be sent to the *Register* and a hearing scheduled in due course. **Occupational Therapy:** The Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee proposed a number of amendments to the Board's rules respecting occupational therapists. Following review by Board staff, and a number of revisions to conform the rules to the law, a revised draft was returned to the Committee Chair for review. Minor substantive suggestions for revision or modification have been received and incorporated into the draft. In sum, the proposed amendments update the rules generally, insert additional language provided in the law, update definitions and practice standards, rearrange various provisions and delete others that are no longer needed. At the July 2014 meeting, a draft was presented for initial review and consideration. At its August 2014 meeting, the Board considered additional revisions suggested by staff, and, thereafter, elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered the written comments in response to the *Notice of Intent* and elected to refer them to its OT Advisory Committee for input. The Committee's input will be presented in due course. **Physicians and Surgeons – Telemedicine:** Act 442 of the 2012 Legislative Session, which amended R.S. 37:1271 of the Medical Practice Act necessitated various changes to the Board's existing Telemedicine Rules. Preliminary suggestions were presented to the Board during its July 2014 meeting for consideration and discussion. A revised draft was presented for consideration and discussion at its August 2014 meeting, at which time the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. A draft containing technical and one substantive change was presented for review and discussion. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered the written comments in response to the *Notice of Intent*. Following review and discussion, the Board rejected some comments and decided to accept and address others by technical and substantive amendments. The Potpourri hearing schedule for March 26, 2015 was postponed to discuss additional changes. At the request of the Chair of the House Health & Welfare Committee (Rep. Simon), the Executive Director and counsel attended a meeting at the capitol with Rep. Simon, lobbyists for the LSMS and LHA, and representatives of various other stakeholder organizations to discuss the Board's proposed amendments that limit the ability of physicians to prescribe controlled substances by telemedicine. In an effort to accommodate these concerns, the Executive Director has suggested additional changes for consideration. In the meantime, HCR 4 (Rep. Simon) was passed by the House, H&W Committee and the House. The H&W Committee's deliberations are included for review and discussion on how best to proceed with the rule-making effort. **Physician Assistants:** During the October 2014 meeting, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort to remove the co-signature requirement for PA services from its existing rules and replace it with alternative methods of physician oversight (e.g., chart review) based on experience and changes in a PA's major area of practice. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered suggestions based on the discussions at its October 2014 meeting and direction from the President, along with separate suggestions offered by the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants

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("LAPA"). Following discussion, including the input of the LAPA and the Chair of the PA Advisory Committee, the Board directed that further amendments be incorporated into the draft. Following discussion and further suggested modifications of the draft at its January 2015 meeting, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. Said notice appeared in the February edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The comment period closed during which the Board received a number of comments in support of the proposed amendment and no adverse comments. Following review and discussion at its April 2015 meeting, the Board voted to adopt the amendments effective by and upon publication in the May 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. In conformity with the Board's instructions, a final report was submitted to the Legislature, commenters were notified and the final rule has been submitted for promulgation in the May 20, 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register* in the identical form as previously noticed.

Rules/Amendments under Development: The following rules are under consideration by the Board. **Midwifery:** The Board considered amendments to the existing rules governing licensed midwife practitioners incorporating changes pursuant to the Louisiana Midwifery Practice Act during the 2012 session of the Legislature, updating the rules generally and rearranging sections for ease of reference. The Board reviewed and discussed changes at its January and February 2015 meetings. At its April 2015 meeting, the Board considered a suggestion that a licensed midwife be permitted to continue providing prenatal care to a woman with one prior cesarean section provided arrangements have been made with a physician, documented in the midwife's chart for the planned hospital delivery at the onset of labor. Per the Board's request, the suggested language is attached for the Board's consideration.

Physicians Compounding Medication: At its December 2014 and January 2015 meetings, the Board reviewed Emergency Rules adopted by the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy to reflect certain changes in federal law concerning compounded medication. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort as to physicians who compound medication in order to insure consistency with federal and state law and regulations. A draft will be presented for initial review and consideration in due course.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel: At the request of its Clinical Laboratory Personnel ("CLP") Advisory Committee, the Board agreed to undertake a rulemaking effort to amend its CLP Rules to reduce the term of a temporary permit from six months to three months. It directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and approval. In conformity with the Board's direction, a draft was presented for initial review and discussion at its April 2015 meeting.

Physician Advertising; Board Certification: At its March 2015 meeting, the Board determined to undertake a rulemaking effort to establish a process for its approval of certifying boards, alternative to the ABMS and AOA, for purposes of physician advertising of *Board Certification*. The Board directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and approval. In conformity with the Board's direction, a draft was presented for initial review and discussion at its April 2015 meeting.

Complaints and Investigations: The President directed that staff/counsel commence a rule-making effort detailing the processes used by the Board for handling complaints and investigations. With the anticipated input of staff and members, a draft will be presented for initial Board review and consideration in due course.

Athletic Trainers: The Board's Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee is working on amendments to the athletic trainer rules to conform them to the 2014 amendments to the Athletic Trainer Practice Act. Following receipt of the Committee's suggestions and review by staff, a draft will be presented for initial review and consideration in due course.

Podiatry: The Podiatry Advisory Committee has requested amendments to

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the Board's Podiatry Rules to: i) remove the requirements for board certification or eligibility as to an applicant for advanced practice who has completed a three year podiatry medical surgical residency training (PM&S 36) program; ii) make the Board's rules on unprofessional conduct equally applicable to podiatrists; and iii) include podiatrists in the Board's current effort on Board certification for advertising purposes. As to item i., a draft is presented for the Board's review and discussion. Item ii will require a separate effort that will be presented in due course; and, item iii requires further research.

6. PROPOSED LEGISLATION

2015 Proposed legislation which may impact the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. MALPRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Professional liability reports.

2. REPORTS INVESTIGATIONS/ADJUDICATIONS/LITIGATION

Investigation reports.

Personal appearance schedule.

3. LITIGATION

Reports on pending appeals/suits/petitions.

4. ADJUDICATION REPORT

5. GENERAL DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Review of requests for reinstatement to full, unrestricted status, off probation.

Request for acceptance of remediation program; follow-up.

6. LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Clinical Laboratory Personnel, non-routine applicant.

Physician Assistant, non-routine applicant.

Graduates of International Medical Schools

Non-routine applicants.

Graduates of US/Canadian Medical Schools

Non-routine applicants.

Request for waiver of examination attempts.

7. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting of the Board – July 20, 21, 2015.